

## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 770

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A RESOLUTION recognizing Bettye Daniel Chapman for her fifty years of service to the Memphis Gridiron Show.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly are wholly appreciative of those individuals who stand as beacons of light within their communities and who dedicate themselves to rendering unwavering service to others; and

WHEREAS, Bettye Daniel Chapman is one such individual who will, this year, celebrate fifty years of service to the Memphis Gridiron Show; and

WHEREAS, a native of Saulsbury, Ms. Chapman attended school in Grand Junction before embarking on a long and varied career, which included her first job at the *Commercial Appeal* in Memphis; two decades of employment with the Hicks Convention Center; and service as the Reservation Manager for Admiral Benbow, as a manager for Morrison Cafeteria, as a manager for four hotels in the Memphis area; and employment with the Memphis Publishing Company, from which she retired; and

WHEREAS, in 1958, Bettye Chapman performed in her first Memphis Gridiron Show at the Rivermont Hotel; since that momentous occasion, she has played a valuable role in each and every Gridiron Show staged during the subsequent five decades, and at the 2008 show at Shrine Temple, she will be making her final performance; and

WHEREAS, an institution in her own right, Ms. Chapman is star in the Gridiron, which is an annual event that raises money for college journalism scholarships by roasting the foibles of local politicians in songs and skits; and

WHEREAS, she has also dedicated her time and energies as a member of the Gridiron Board member for thirty-five years; and

WHEREAS, a civic-minded individual, Ms. Chapman is a Variety Club member and has volunteered her services to Memphis in May, assisting in the Washington Pig Skins Booth with Senator Sasser and Vice President Al Gore; and

WHEREAS, Bettye Chapman enjoyed the love and support of her husband, Bruce Chapman, before his death; she is the proud mother of Kenneth, Laura, and Linda, the loving grandmother of six, and the great-grandmother of two; and

WHEREAS, for fifty years, Ms. Chapman has entertained the citizens of Memphis with her rapier wit and her satirical adroitness as a proud member of the Memphis Gridiron Show and it is truly fitting for this Body to formally recognize her contributions; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby recognize and applaud Bettye Daniel Chapman upon her commitment of fifty years of service to the Memphis Gridiron Show and extend to her our best wishes for her every future success and happiness

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.